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memory, accompanied by the uneasy feeling that the remaining doubt in his regard had not yet been settled. M. J. BERTRAND, Perpetual Secretary of the Paris Academy of Sciences, has lately taken a review of the whole of WRONSKI'S work,* and makes it very clear that he was neither genius nor charlatan, but simply insane. "His madness explains his charlatanism, excuses his imposture, and permits one to believe in the presence of genius imprisoned in insanity." After reading M. BERTRAND'S paper, few will doubt his conclusions. E. S. H.

PORTRAIT OF WILLIAM CRANCH BOND (DIRECTOR OF THE HARVARD COLLEGE OBSERVATORY, 1840-1859).

The portrait of Professor W. C. BOND given in this number is reproduced from a photograph of the oil painting now in the Harvard College Observatory. It forms one of the illustrations of a life of BOND,† which will shortly be printed; and is presented to the A. S. P. by the undersigned.

EDWARD S. HOLDEN.

MT. HAMILTON, February 28, 1897.

METEOR OF JANUARY 24, 1897 (LOS ANGELES).

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 5, 1897.

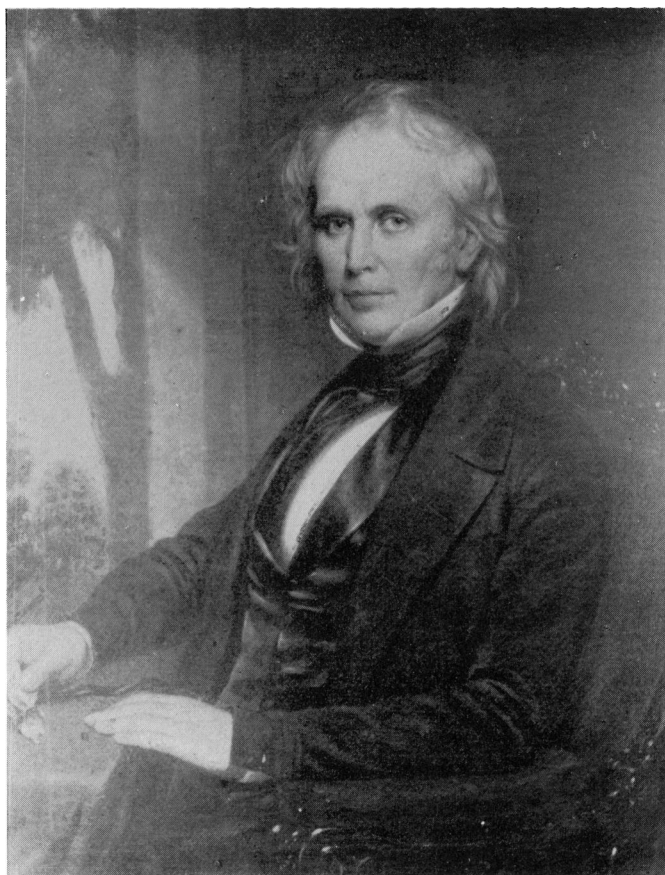
Professor HOLDEN,

Lick Observatory, Mt. Hamilton, Cal.

Dear Sir:—On January 24th, at about 3:15 P.M., I observed a very large meteor, which passed over this place and, as near as I am able to judge, in a direction nearly due east. Unfortunately, I did not note the exact time of its appearance, and am not able to state the time positively, though from other circumstances, I am able to locate it as being about the time mentioned above. The meteor was visible sufficiently long for me to make a good observation of it. Its movement was, as before stated, nearly due east. Its apparent height was about thirty degrees above the horizon when first observed. At its disappearance it was approximately twenty-three degrees to twenty-five degrees above the horizon. Its color was a dazzling white, with a faint tinge of

* *Revue des Deux Mondes*, Vol. 139, p. 588.

† Memorials of WILLIAM CRANCH BOND, Director of the Harvard College Observatory, 1840-59, and of GEORGE PHILLIPS BOND, Director of the Harvard College Observatory, 1859-65, by EDWARD S. HOLDEN.



W. C. BOND.